

Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the State Highway Administration proposes to amend **Regulations .01—.06** under **COMAR 11.04.10 Specific Information or Business Signs**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to define “Drive-in” and “Stall”; specify that an application for a logo sign is available on the State Highway Administration (SHA) website; specify the number of logo signs allowed per specific service sign as well as per service per interchange; eliminate standards for logo sign numbers in each specific service regulation; modify references to specific distances; eliminate the requirement that food establishments serve two or three meals, instead requiring food establishments to serve food during certain hours; require drive-in restaurants to have a minimum of ten stalls; as well as make technical changes to references to SHA, for drinking water, and sanitary facilities.

Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subtitle 04 STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

11.04.10 Specific Information or Business Signs

Authority: Transportation Article, §§4-205(f), 4-405, 8-204(b), and 8-605, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Definitions.

A. *The following terms have the meanings indicated.*

B. *Terms Defined.*

[A.] (1) — [B.] (2) (text unchanged)

(3) “Drive-in” means a food business that provides stalls for which customers in vehicles can park, order, and eat food.

[B-1.] (4) (text unchanged)

[C.] (5) — [H.] (10) (text unchanged)

[I. “Trailblazers” means follow-up signs to be used where a specific service establishment is located along roads other than the intersecting road served directly by the ramp.]

(11) “Stall” means a clearly defined space for parking a vehicle.

.02 Applications.
A. An application is available for business establishments desiring to take part in the specific services signing program from the SHA Office of Traffic and Safety, c/o Logo Coordinator, 7491 Connelley Drive, Hanover, MD 21076, as well as on marylandroads.com.

B. — E. (text unchanged)

.03 General Requirements for All Signing.

A.—E. text unchanged

E-1. *Number of Logo Signs.*

(1) *Specific service signing is limited to no more than ten logos per service per direction per interchange.*

(2) *A specific service sign is limited to six logos.*

(3) *If there are more than six eligible logos for a service, the Administration may display up to four additional logos if:*

(a) *On a new service sign the number and placement of signs is consistent with §§M — O of this regulation; or*

(b) *On an existing service sign, at least two logo spaces remain available after additional logos are displayed.*

F. *Business to Provide Logo Sign Plates.*

(1) — (2) (text unchanged)

(3) Before the manufacture of the logo sign plate, the business shall submit to the [appropriate] Administration [district office] a layout plan of their proposed logo for approval.

(4) text unchanged

G.—L. (text unchanged)

M. Spacing between mainline signs shall be at least 800 feet and spacing between ramp signs shall be at least [200] 100 feet.

N. Distance from gore to the first ramp sign shall be at least [300] 100 feet.

O.—S. (text unchanged)

.04 Specific Conditions for Gas Signing.

A. text unchanged

[B. Specific services signing is limited to six gas logos per direction per interchange.] *Repealed.*

C. (text unchanged)

D. The business establishment shall include restroom facilities and [a] public *drinking* water [fountain].

E. — F. (text unchanged)

.05 Specific Conditions for Food Signing.

A. (text unchanged)

[B. Specific services signing is limited to six logos per direction per interchange.] *Repealed.*

C. The business establishment shall be open for continuous operation [for all three meals at least] *serving at least 14 hours a day, at least 6 days a week* and be opened not later than 7 a.m., except as noted in §§D and E of this regulation.

D. If the logo sign has less than the number of permitted logo plates, as described in [§B of this] regulation .03 E-1 of this chapter, a business establishment that is open continuously [for two meals] *serving at least 8 hours a day*, at least 6 days a week and opening no later than 11 a.m. may be approved for placement under the conditions of this regulation.

E. — F. (text unchanged)

G. *Except as provide in §H of this regulation, the* [The] business establishment shall have a minimum seating capacity for 20 persons.

H. *Drive-ins shall have a minimum of 10 stalls.*

.06 Specific Conditions for Lodging Signing.

A. (text unchanged)

[B. Specific services signing is limited to six lodging logos per direction per interchange.] *Repealed.*

C. — D. (text unchanged)

.07 Specific Conditions for Camping Signing.

A. (text unchanged)

[B. Specific services signing is limited to six camping logos per direction per interchange.] *Repealed.*

C. — D. (text unchanged)

E. The campground shall have [modern] sanitary facilities.

F. — I. (text unchanged)

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